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ABSTRACT

This videotape presents the National Satellite Videoconference on mentoring for youth. The video opens with a discussion of mentoring and presents panelists who make statements about mentoring and youth programs and respond to questions called in by videoconference participants at approximately 500 downlinked sites. Panelists were: (1) Shay Bilchik, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; (2) Barbara Lehrner, of Los Angles Team Mentoring, Inc.; (3) Carolyn Andrews of American Express; Valley Big Brothers/Big Sisters; (4) the Reverend Eugene Rivers, director of the National Ten Point Leadership Foundation, a program aimed at inner-city youth; (5) Jean Grossman, Public/Private Ventures, an evaluator of mentoring programs; (6) Tom McKenna of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America; and (7) Mindy Shannon Phelps, moderator. A traditional mentoring relationship consists of adult volunteers paired with participating youth in a relationship in which the mentor is a friend rather than a teacher. The video highlights some successful mentoring programs, including the Ten Point Leadership Coalition in Boston (Massachusetts), the Big Brothers/Big Sisters JumpStart Program in Phoenix (Arizona), and Team Works, a Los Angeles (California) mentoring program. Program evaluations have demonstrated that mentoring works, and the remarks of panelists and participants who telephone the conference make it clear how this happens. (SLD)

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